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APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC.

CASE NO. PUR-2020-00283

For approval and certification of natural gas  
Facilities: the Virginia Natural Gas Interconnect,  
and for approval of Rate Schedules and Terms  
and Conditions for Pipeline Transportation Service

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On December 14, 2020, Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. ("VNG" or "Company"), filed an application ("Application") with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval and certification of natural gas facilities pursuant to the Utility Facilities Act, §§ 56-265.1 *et seq.* and 56-235.9 of the Code of Virginia ("Code"). Through its Application and pursuant to Rule 80 A of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice")<sup>1</sup>, VNG also seeks approval to implement Rate Schedules VI-TRFT, VI-LFT, and VI-IT, and Terms and Conditions for Pipeline Transportation Service. Contemporaneous with the Application, VNG filed its Motion of Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. for Entry of a Protective Ruling and Additional Protective Treatment for Extraordinarily Sensitive Information ("Motion") and a form proposed Protective Ruling.

VNG seeks approval and certification of natural gas facilities to provide incremental transportation capacity to its customers including Columbia Gas of Virginia ("CVA") and

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<sup>1</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*

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Virginia Power Services Energy ("VPSE") as well as to maintain reliable service in the area.<sup>2</sup>

Specifically, VNG seeks to:

- (1) Transco Interconnect Pipeline: construct approximately 6.2 miles of 30-inch diameter steel pipeline in new right-of-way ("ROW") extending north from the Company's existing natural gas transmission system located near Quantico, Virginia, and interconnecting with the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line ("Transco") via an interconnect station near Catlett, Virginia.
- (2) Transco Interconnect Compressor Station: construct a compressor station in Prince William County, Virginia.
- (3) Quantico Parallel Pipe: construct approximately 3.5 miles of 30-inch diameter steel pipeline in new ROW that runs parallel and adjacent to the Company's existing Joint Use Pipeline located in Fauquier County, Virginia.
- (4) Mechanicsville Metering and Regulation ("M&R") Station Upgrade: install additional metering and regulating equipment to accommodate the increased capacity at the existing M&R Station within existing Company-owned property in Hanover County, Virginia.<sup>3</sup>

The Transco Interconnect Pipeline, Transco Interconnect Compressor Station, Quantico Parallel Pipe, and Mechanicsville M&R Station Upgrade are referred to collectively as the "Project."

In its Application, VNG identified a preferred route for the construction of the 6.2-mile Transco Interconnect Pipeline, primarily collocated with an existing electric and natural gas transmission ROW.<sup>4</sup> The Company also identified a route for the Quantico Parallel Pipe along the existing Joint Use Pipeline ROW.<sup>5</sup> The Company asserts that because this existing ROW is

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<sup>2</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

<sup>4</sup> Application Appendix at 117.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

inadequate to construct the proposed Project, VNG is seeking new permanent ROWs, as well as temporary workspace easements, during construction.<sup>6</sup>

VNG's desired in-service date for the proposed Project is December 31, 2023, which accommodates the requested in-service dates of the Project customers.<sup>7</sup> According to the Application, the current construction schedule requires 30 months for survey, design, permitting, obtaining easements and materials, construction, clearing, testing, and commissioning.<sup>8</sup>

The Company represents that the total estimated cost for the proposed Project is approximately \$205.6 million, including approximately \$103.6 million in pipeline-related costs and approximately \$102.0 million in compressor station-related costs (2020 dollars).<sup>9</sup> VNG asserts that approximately 86% of the capital cost of the proposed Project will be attributable to CVA and VPSE.<sup>10</sup> The remaining 14% of costs will be attributable to VNG's utility customers through base rates.<sup>11</sup>

Additionally, VNG seeks to implement three new rate schedules to recover the capital costs of the proposed Project: Rate Schedules VI-TRFT, VI-LFT, and VI-IT (collectively, "Rate Schedules"). VNG, through the proposed Rate Schedules, would offer new services that are made possible by the proposed Project. VNG also proposes Terms and Conditions related to the

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<sup>6</sup> Application at 6.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>8</sup> *Id.*

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.*

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 3-4.

Rate Schedules.<sup>12</sup> VNG asserts that for Rate Schedules VI-TRFT and VI-LFT, the rates are based on the estimated costs of the individual Project components.<sup>13</sup> VNG represents that the final costs associated with the Project are unlikely to be known at the date service commences. VNG asserts that it will commence billing on an estimated rate basis, subject to true-up, when final costs and improved estimates of actual operating expenses for the proposed Project are known and available.<sup>14</sup>

VNG states that service pursuant to Rate Schedule VI-IT would be provided at the incremental operating cost associated with providing the service. The Company proposes that a forward-looking estimated operating expense would be submitted to the Commission prior to the commencement of service of the proposed Project. As proposed, all customers taking service under Rate Schedules VI-TRFT or VI-LFT would be eligible for interruptible service under this rate schedule.<sup>15</sup> The Company's Application describes the existing area of the Project, as well as environmental, environmental justice, public safety and economic development considerations.<sup>16</sup>

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") must consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of utility facilities that require a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of

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<sup>12</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>13</sup> *Id.*

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>16</sup> Application Appendix Section IV.

Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts.<sup>17</sup> The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the proposed Project.<sup>18</sup>

Pursuant to § 56-265.2:1 of the Code, the Commission must consider the effect of the proposed pipeline on the environment, public safety, and economic development in the Commonwealth and may establish such reasonably practical conditions as may be necessary to minimize any adverse environmental or public safety impact. The Staff has requested the DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.<sup>19</sup>

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; VNG should provide public notice of its Application; a public hearing should be scheduled for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence on the Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application or participate as a respondent in this proceeding; and the Commission's Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and file testimony and exhibits containing its findings and recommendations thereon.

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<sup>17</sup> *In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

<sup>18</sup> Letter from William H. Harrison, IV, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated January 6, 2021, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

<sup>19</sup> Letter from William H. Harrison, IV, Esquire, State Corporation Commission, dated January 6, 2021, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

The Commission further takes judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels.<sup>20</sup> The Commission has taken certain actions, and may take additional actions going forward, that could impact the procedures in this proceeding.<sup>21</sup> Consistent with these actions, in regard to the terms of the procedural framework established below, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2020-00283.
- (2) All pleadings in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should

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<sup>20</sup> See, e.g., Executive Order No. 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, issued March 12, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam. See also Executive Order No. 53, Temporary Restrictions on Restaurants, Recreational, Entertainment, Gatherings, Non-Essential Retail Businesses, and Closure of K-12 Schools Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 23, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam, and Executive Order No. 55, Temporary Stay at Home Order Due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), issued March 30, 2020, by Governor Ralph S. Northam. These and subsequent Executive Orders related to COVID-19 may be found at: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>.

<sup>21</sup> See, e.g., *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic Service of Commission Orders*, Case No. CLK-2020-00004, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330035, Order Concerning Electronic Service of Commission Orders (Mar. 19, 2020), extended by Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel., State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00005, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200330042, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (Mar. 19, 2020) ("Revised Operating Procedures Order"), extended by Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200520105, Order Regarding the State Corporation Commission's Revised Operating Procedures During COVID-19 Emergency (May 11, 2020); *Commonwealth of Virginia, ex rel. State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: Electronic service among parties during COVID-19 emergency*, Case No. CLK-2020-00007, Doc. Con. Cen. No. 200410009, Order Requiring Electronic Service (Apr. 1, 2020).

comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.<sup>22</sup>

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and the Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, parties and the Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or the Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before hearing examiners*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters that may arise in this proceeding, including the Company's Motion.

(5) Due to the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, the Commission hereby schedules a telephonic hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application, as follows:

- (a) A hearing for the receipt of testimony from public witnesses on the Application shall be convened telephonically at 10 a.m., on June 14, 2021, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> As noted in the Revised Operating Procedures Order in Case No. CLK-2020-00005, submissions to the Commission's Clerk's Office via U.S. mail or commercial mail equivalents may not be processed for an indefinite period of time due to the COVID-19 emergency. See n.21, *supra*.

<sup>23</sup> The Commission will convene counsel of record in this proceeding to attend the public witness hearing virtually.

- (b) To promote fairness for all public witnesses, each witness will be allotted five minutes to provide testimony.
- (c) On or before June 10, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141.
- (d) Beginning at 10 a.m., on June 14, 2021, the Commission will telephone sequentially each person who has signed up to testify as provided above. This hearing will not be convened, and the parties will be notified of such, if no person signs up to testify as a public witness.
- (e) This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

(6) A hearing shall be convened on June 15, 2021, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or by electronic means to receive the testimony and evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Staff. Further details on this hearing will be provided by subsequent Commission Order.

(7) An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Lisa R. Crabtree, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, [lcrabtree@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:lcrabtree@mcguirewoods.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

(8) On or before January 26, 2021, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (9) to all owners, as of the date of this Order, of property within the route of the proposed Project, as indicated on the map



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or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 *et seq.*

(9) On or before January 26, 2021, the Company shall cause the following notice and the sketch map of the proposed route appearing on page 119 of the Appendix to the Application to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one occasion in newspapers of general circulation throughout the Company's service territory in Virginia:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY  
VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS, INC., FOR APPROVAL AND  
CERTIFICATION OF NATURAL GAS FACILITIES (THE  
VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS INTERCONNECT), AND FOR  
APPROVAL OF RATE SCHEDULES AND TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS FOR PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE  
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#### Proposed Pipeline Route Descriptions

##### Transco Interconnect Pipeline

For this approximately 6.2-mile route, the natural gas pipeline corridor will begin at the existing Quantico Compressor Station and run north in, or adjacent to, an existing electric transmission line ROW for the first 5,000 linear feet where the corridor crosses into Prince William County, Virginia. It continues north in, or adjacent to, the existing electric transmission line ROW for another 11,000 linear feet where it intersects Warrenton Road (Route 606). From there, it continues northward almost in its entirety in the existing electric transmission line ROW until crossing the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. Then it turns west and then northwest as it crosses Nokesville Road and ends at the proposed tie-in point with the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC pipeline.

##### Transco Interconnect Compressor Station

The proposed site for the Transco Interconnect Compressor Station is located at 13215 Farmview Road in Nokesville, Virginia, which is in Prince William County. The Transco Interconnect Compressor Station will occupy approximately 15 acres of the total 36.8-acre property for the footprint of the station and

associated construction laydown and workspace areas and will reserve the remaining acreage undeveloped to provide a buffer from neighboring properties. The property is adjacent to the proposed Transco Interconnect Pipeline on the east side of the proposed alignment and is just south of Route 28.

#### Quantico Parallel Pipe

For this approximately 3.5-mile route, which parallels VNG's existing Joint Use Pipeline corridor, the natural gas pipeline corridor will begin at the tie-in point at the existing regulator station along Laws Ford Road. From this point, the corridor runs south, crossing Laws Ford Road and running alongside existing power lines for approximately 8,000 feet through agricultural land. Then the alignment crosses Sowego Road and continues south along the eastern side of the power lines for approximately 5,500 feet where it reaches Courthouse Road. Finally, the corridor continues south past Courthouse Road for approximately 4,000 feet where it terminates.

#### Mechanicsville M&R Station Upgrade

The Mechanicsville M&R Station Upgrade will be installed within the footprint of the existing 0.27-acre station parcel located in Hanover County at 8187 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23111.

The Commission has taken judicial notice of the ongoing public health emergency related to the spread of the coronavirus, or COVID-19, and the declarations of emergency issued at both the state and federal levels. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice. Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. For the duration of the COVID-19 emergency, any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, the Commission has directed that service on parties and the Commission's Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Please refer to the

Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing or subsequent Hearing Examiner's Ruling for further instructions concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information.

The Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this matter, among other things, scheduled public hearings on VNG's Application. On June 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., the Commission will hold a telephonic hearing, with no witness present in the Commission's courtroom, for the purpose of receiving the testimony of public witnesses. On or before June 10, 2021, any person desiring to offer testimony as a public witness shall provide to the Commission (a) your name, and (b) the telephone number that you wish the Commission to call during the hearing to receive your testimony. This information may be provided to the Commission in three ways: (i) by filling out a form on the Commission's website at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting); (ii) by completing and emailing the PDF version of this form to [SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:SCCInfo@scc.virginia.gov); or (iii) by calling (804) 371-9141. This public witness hearing will be webcast at [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Webcasting).

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Electronic copies of the Application and other supporting documents, as well as the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, Lisa R. Crabtree, McGuireWoods LLP, Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, [lcrabtree@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:lcrabtree@mcguirewoods.com). Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

On or before June 7, 2021, any interested person may file comments on the Application electronically by following the instructions on the Commission's website: [scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

On or before March 22, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by

filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before April 20, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or electronically at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), and serve on the Commission's Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Commission's Rules of Practice, the Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and other documents filed in this case may be viewed on the Commission's website at: [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information).

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(10) On or before January 26, 2021, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each

county, city, and town in which the Company provides service in the Commonwealth of Virginia: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.<sup>24</sup>

(11) On or before February 26, 2021, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (9) and (10), including the name, title, and address of each official served.

(12) On or before February 26, 2021, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of mailing of the notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (8). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of this information.

(13) On or before June 7, 2021, any interested person may file written comments on the Application by following the instructions on the Commission's website:

[scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments](http://scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments). All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

(14) On or before March 22, 2021, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation with the Clerk of the Commission at: [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5 20 80 B,

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<sup>24</sup> See the Commission's April 1, 2020 Order in Case No. CLK-2020-00007, n.21 *supra*.

*Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

(15) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve upon each respondent a copy of this Order for Notice and Hearing, a copy of the Application, and a copy of the public version of all materials filed by the Company with the Commission, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(16) On or before April 20, 2021, each respondent may file with the Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, or electronically at [scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling](http://scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling), and serve on the Staff, the Company, and all other respondents, any testimony and exhibits by which the respondent expects to establish its case, and each witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. In all filings, respondents shall comply with the Commission's Rules of Practice, as modified herein, including, but not limited to: 5 VAC 5 20 140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5 20 240, *Prepared testimony and exhibits*. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2020-00283.

(17) The Staff shall investigate the Application. On or before May 18, 2021, the Staff shall file with the Clerk of the Commission the Staff's testimony and exhibits, and each Staff witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page. The Staff shall serve a copy thereof on counsel to VNG and all respondents.



(18) On or before June 1, 2021, VNG shall file with the Clerk of the Commission:

(a) any rebuttal testimony and exhibits that it expects to offer, and each rebuttal witness's testimony shall include a summary not to exceed one page; and (b) a summary not to exceed one page of each direct witness's testimony if not previously included therewith. The Company simultaneously shall serve a copy of the testimony and exhibits on the Staff and all respondents.

(19) All documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(20) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically, or by facsimile, on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed or the assigned Staff attorney if the interrogatory or request for production is directed to the Staff.<sup>25</sup> Except as modified above, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.*

(21) This matter is continued.

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<sup>25</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, [scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information](http://scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information), by clicking "Docket Search," and clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2020-00283, in the appropriate box.

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